GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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CREATION OF NEW RAILWAY ZONES /DIVISIONS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the norms prescribed for creation of new Railway Zones or Divisions;

(b) whether the Railways have received demands from various State Governments for bifurcation or creation of new railway divisions or zones;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken by the Railways thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) New Railway Zones/Divisions are set up keeping in view factors like size, workload, accessibility, traffic pattern and other administrative/ operational requirements consistent with the needs of economy and efficiency and not on regional considerations.

(b): Yes, Sir.

(c): After the recent reorganisation of Indian Railways, demands for 4 Zones and 7 Divisions have been received from various State Governments.

(d) The demands have not been found feasible as per norms described above except the demand to set up a new Salem Division, which has been accepted.